

CITY OF BELLAIRE TEXAS
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
MARCH 8, 2017

Council Chamber

Regular Session

6:30 PM

**7008 SOUTH RICE AVENUE
BELLAIRE, TX 77401**



Chair

Jason Wintz

Vice Chair

Johanna Moran

Member

Joe Burris

Secretary

Jonathan Palmer

Member

Ayobamidele G.
Bello

Member

Michelle Mastin

Member

George Williams

Mission Statement:

***The City of Bellaire is dedicated to outstanding quality
service and facilities to ensure an open, progressive, and
secure community.***

REGULAR SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

A Regular Session of the Environmental and Sustainability Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas ("ESB"), will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401, for the following purpose(s):

A. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum – Jason Wintz, Chair.**B. Introduction of Visitors –Chair.****C. Citizen Comments, if any.**

Note: Citizen Comments are limited to up to five (5) minutes per person.

D. Council Liaison Comments – Roman F. Reed, Mayor Pro Tem.**E. Public Works Update****F. Approval of Minutes:**

Consideration of and possible action regarding the approval of available minutes.

G. Board Business:

Discussion and possible action on the following topic(s):

1. ESB Newsletter to be Distributed During Garbage Bag Deliveries
2. ESB Possible Participation at Upcoming Events
3. Review of Letter to Council on prohibited plantings

Presentations:

1. Presentation on RecycleBank by Chainman Wintz

H. New Business:

Any ESB member who wishes to bring New Business to the attention of the ESB shall do so at this time.

Note: Consideration of New Business shall be for the limited purpose of determining whether the matter is appropriate for inclusion on a future Agenda for the ESB or for referral to staff for investigation.

I. Next Meeting:

April 5, 2017.

J. Adjourn.

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the agenda set forth on the preceding pages regarding a Regular Session of the Environmental and Sustainability Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, was posted on the City's official bulletin board located on an outside west wall of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and was posted on the following date at the stated time: Friday, March 3, 2017, at _____ a.m./p.m.

Shawn Cox
Administrative Services Manager
City of Bellaire, Texas

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I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the agenda set forth on the preceding pages regarding a Regular Session of the Environmental and Sustainability Board of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, was removed by me from the City's official bulletin board located on an outside west wall of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas, on the _____ day of _____, 2017, at _____ a.m./p.m. I hereby certify further that said Notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Regular Session.

Shawn Cox
Administrative Services Manager
City of Bellaire, Texas

Environmental and Sustainability (ESB) Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
Bellaire City Hall Council Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

A. Opening

The regular meeting of Environmental and Sustainability Board (ESB) was called to order at 6:43PM on Wednesday, February 1 2017, by Jason Wintz, Chairman. There was a quorum of members present.

Members Present

Ayobamidele (Ayo) Bello
Joe Burris
Michelle (Micki) Mastin
Johanna Moran
Jonathan (Jon) Palmer
George Williams
Jason Wintz

Non-Voting Members Present

Paul Hofmann, Bellaire City Manager
Shawn Cox, Bellaire Public Works

B. Public Works Update:

1. Paul Hofmann, City Manager, updated the Board on several items:
 - a. The City is making good progress in the search for a replacement for Brant Gary, who has departed Bellaire for Fulshear TX. As the search for a new PW Director continues, Paul noted that he is seizing the opportunity to get much closer to and more hands-on with employees in Public Works.
 - b. Paul also updated the Board on many of the bond issue projects that are now underway. He said that in the near future all Bellaire water meters will be replaced; an \$8 million update will be completed on the waste water treatment plant; much will be accomplished in street repair and in sidewalk improvements.
 - c. George Williams asked about a tour of the waste water treatment plant, and both Paul and Shawn Cox encouraged all Board members to schedule such a tour (preferably before hot weather makes that tour a little less enjoyable!).
 - d. Paul also advised the Board that the City is developing longer range plans that may involve new bond issues in coming years.

C. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Board meeting of January 4 2017 were approved unanimously.

D. Board Business:

- a. Review and Approval of the Board's Update to City Council for 2016: a draft copy of the presentation to Council scheduled for February 6 was attached to the agenda that was distributed by Shawn Cox prior to the meeting. There was much discussion and several edits of the presentation content, and Shawn stated that any further suggested edits need to be submitted to him before midday February 2, as the Council packages will go to print on February 2.
- b. Review and Approval of recommended Facebook posts: Included in the Board package were several (18) recommended posts. After some discussion, 16 were approved, unanimously, with the proviso that all of the posts appear with the headline "Recycling Makes A Difference." The only posts scratched from the list were two that addressed recycled cell phones in 2003 and 2004. The Board agreed that the information may no longer be relevant. George Williams will continue the work to get the posts on the Bellaire Facebook page.
- c. NDC Spring Fling Participation: Shawn Cox advised the Board that the NDC Spring Fling has been canceled for 2017, due to construction at the NDC location. Jason asked Ayo Bello to investigate the proposed NDC "Reveal" event and see if there is a possibility for ESB participation.
- d. Discussion of Audubon's promotion of "Bird-Friendly Communities:" Included in the Board package was a document titled "Why Native Plants are Better for Birds and People." Johanna Moran suggested that this might be added to the Facebook posts. George Williams and Shawn Cox both advised that any post of research material or findings must be from a .gov or .edu source to qualify for the city website. It was agreed that Johanna and Ayo will draft a letter to be considered by the Board for presentation to City Council requesting Council action to prohibit the planting certain species of invasive trees

H. New Business –

- a. George Williams called the Board's attention to an article he saw that appeared in an El Paso newspaper addressing possible violations of the Texas Open Meeting law. George suggested that all Board members might want to find and read this article, and then pay heed to its message.
- b. Semi-annual Bellaire Recycling Drop-Off Event: After some discussion of possible dates for the next event, it was agreed that Ayo will contact the recycling vendors to determine their availability for the dates of May 6 and May 13.

I. Adjournment --

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 1 2017.

Submitted by: Jonathan Palmer

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Welcome to Bellaire's Recycling Program



Find more information on recycling at the City of Bellaire Web Site—www.bellairetx.gov

Christmas Tree Recycling:



The City of Bellaire is once again partnering with The Save Our Beach Association (SOBA) to provide Christmas tree recycling.

Starting Monday, December 26 and running through Monday, January 9, trees placed out at the curb during regular Solid Waste Collection will be provided to the SOBA.

Trees collected by the SOBA are utilized in helping for sand dunes, which “are a vital part of flood and wave action control in a tropical storm or hurricane.”

For more information on the SOBA, please visit their website at www.sobatx.org. If there are questions on the program, please contact Public Works at 713-662-8170 or pw@bellairetx.gov.

Holiday Recycling Tips:

Reuse Gift Wrapping

Did you know that shiny wrapping paper is not recyclable? Use cool wrapping materials. Reuse maps, the Sunday comics, and posters. Wrap gifts without a box. And remember to save ribbons, bows and bags to reuse next year.

Use Reusable Dishware

Avoid using disposable dishes and utensils when entertaining friends and family, and if you must use them, buy them made from recycled or compostable material.

Use Energy-Efficient Lighting

When decorating, use Energy Star energy efficient lighting such as LED outdoor holiday lights, which require 1/50th of the electricity of conventional lights and last 20-30 years. Put lights on a timer or turn them on only when someone's home.

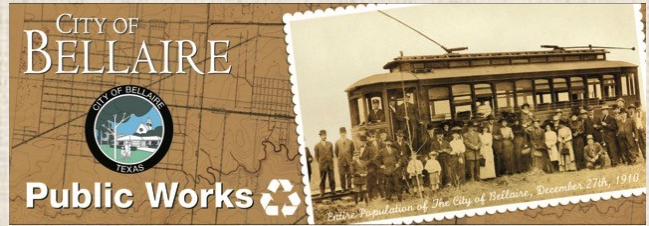
For more tips, visit www.epa.gov.

Holiday Solid Waste Services

With the holiday season, your solid waste and recycling services may get rescheduled.

City offices will be closed and solid waste and recycling services will not be provided on the following days:

- Friday, December 23
- Monday, December 26
- Monday, January 2



Please be sure to check the City's website at www.bellairetx.gov/1207/Solid-Waste-Service-Changes for you rescheduled services. If you have any questions please contact the Public Works Department at 713-662-8170 or at pw@bellairetx.gov.

Heavy Trash Pick-Up

If you have larger items you would like to have removed, contact Public Works at 713-662-8170 or pw@bellairetx.gov to make arrangements.

We can accommodate the disposal of most items. However, there are items we can not collect (construction debris, chemicals, etc.) . For a complete list of non-disposal items visit www.bellairetx.gov/925/Non-Disposable-Items.

HHW Voucher Program

The City of Bellaire offers a voucher program for residents to dispose of residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) at City of Houston facilities. This program is offered to all Bellaire residents with proof of residency.

Residents can request a voucher from the Public Works Department by calling (713) 662-8150 or emailing pw@bellairetx.gov.

Keep up with the ESB

Sign up for the city's Notify Me to be informed when the date and time of the fall recycling drop-off is set, the latest recycling guidelines, and quick links to relevant information.

To sign up for Notify Me, visit www.bellairetx.gov, and click the 'Notify Me' link at the bottom of the page. From there you will have the opportunity to subscribe to email notification for numerous City topics.

For more information on recycling guidelines, water conservation, or other areas of interest, visit the Public Works webpage at www.bellairetx.gov/PW, or by scanning the QR code provided.



**Courtesy of the Environmental and Sustainability Board
City of Bellaire, Texas**